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Alpha Sigma Persistently Seeks Greek Recognition

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As many on the Saint Leo campus know, Alpha Sigma is a struggling group that is trying to become a sorority. In March, the Student Government Union recognized Alpha Sigma as a women's organization. Since then, club members have repeatedly gone to Greek Council meetings, held every Monday night, to try to get Alpha Sigma Organization accepted into the Greek family. Two fraternities support this club as a new addition, and others refuse to recognize it.

Alpha Sigma was one of the original Greek groups on the Saint Leo College campus. Alumni in the surrounding areas, as well as Saint Leo's own Mary Cabot (Marmion / Snyder front desk) and Betty Shambeau (Graduate Studies), are supporting the group. They are teaching Alpha Sigma about the foundations and traditions on which it was based so that it will grow as a successful organization.

Alpha Sigma promotes leadership, sisterhood, and commitment. The organization already participated in Community Service Day on March 28th. The group helped with the art activities, painting faces, and acknowledging the children for their artistic abilities.

Alpha Sigma also has plans to participate in the Big Sis/Little Sis program at Pasco High next semester and plans on being very active on campus as well.

Alpha Sigma representatives Jamie Palandro and Kelly Garrity

Community Service Day, a Big Success

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The third Community Service Day at Saint Leo College was a success. Children from the Pasco County Boys and Girls Clubs, started arriving in two busloads on the morning of March 28, first, at 8:30a.m, and then, at 9:30 a.m. During registration , while Saint Leo volunteers signed in, other volunteers took the children into the cafeteria to get refreshments, and then downstairs to the Cage to put away their belongings. Next, they broke up into groups with their group leaders, and headed down to Lake Jovita for the day's festivities. These groups rotated between games, arts, crafts, and woodworking. While in their rotating groups, they made bird houses, puppets, painted, played field games, and worked with clay. Also down by the dock, the children had their pictures taken with Saint Leo's very own mascot Leo the Lion. These pictures were later developed and posted on cedarwood for the kids to take home with them as mementos of their day here at Saint Leo. At the grill, Fr. Tony and Dr. Kirk helped in the preparation of lunch. After a brief lunch break, the children had the option of swimming or returning to the tent to finish their activities.

Dr. Cronin, who is on the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club, initially approached Sister Candice Tucci with the idea about inviting the children to spend a day of fun on our campus here at Saint Leo. It turned out to be a great idea. Thirty Saint Leo faculty and staff, fifty-nine students, and four Boys and Girls Club staff, volunteered to make the event a success. San Antonio Pottery, Admissions, and McDonalds all donated items for the event.

In closing, Sister Tucci would like to extend a special thank you to all of those involved in making this a spectacular day. There can be no doubt that the kids' smiles were genuine as were those of the volunteers. Let's hope that this is something that Saint Leo College can do again next year.

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Students Elect a New SGU

Chris Downs
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Students will be pleased to know that they no longer have to squint when walking up the stairs in Lewis Hall; the florescent campaign posters that once adorned the walls are gone. In early April, the students of Saint Leo College elected new Student Government Union (SGU) officers for the 1998-99 academic year. This interview includes President Jason Layton, Vice President of Activities Angelo Ritacco, and Vice President of Operations Rich Longo and incorporates discussion about their goals.

Jason said that one of his goals as SGU president is to create a better link between administrators and students. Specifically, he wants to emphasize that "students can change policy." He also wants to improve participation in student goverment. Jason feels that a larger, diverse group of students needs to become involved in SGU. As he put it, "Right now, the same students do everything." Jason hopes to increase attendance at SGU meetings by accomplishing two tasks: ensuring that students understand how policies affect them and "telling senators that SGU can send their organizations to conferences." He wants to review the course catalog and insure that the College offers all courses that it lists. Jason also wants to improve communication. As he put it, "The most important thing is to get the word out." He explained that, in the past, students have received most information about campus events via flyers and word-of-mouth. Jason wants to provide other ways for organizations to advertise events. Next year, for example, he hopes to improve Channel 61, the student-run television station. Finally, Jason wants to create a common area for all students to use. He doesn't want commuters to feel like they are isolated from residents. Jason concluded the interview by characterizing his administration as a "professional organization that will tie different groups together."

President Jason Layton and V.P. of Activities Angelo Ritacco among others

Angelo Ritacco became interested in becoming Vice President of Activities after helping Mike Melton. Angelo explained that he first ran for V.P. of Activities at the end of his freshman year and lost the election. Angelo has one overall goal as an SGU officer: "I'm a strong believer in the idea that you have to have fun to learn, and I want to bring this idea to students." Also, Angelo echoed much of what Jason said. Angelo wants to "use whatever materials we have available" to advertise campus events, such as WLEL, the campus radio station planned for next year,and the Internet. Angelo hopes to create an SGU web page and give students the opportunity to sign-up for activities via E-mail. He concluded the interview by mentioning that he wants to put a suggestion box on campus. Angelo said, "I want to use students' ideas as a springboard for activities we're going to do."

Rich Longo wanted to become involved in student government because he saw the need for some improvements. As he put it, "The biggest problem is student apathy. I want students to become involved in activities. I also want to create a sense of community on campus and focus on students' needs." Rich mentioned that the Senate will have twenty-three members. Twelve senators will represent the student body, and eleven senators will represent organizations. He wants to improve attendance at SGU meetings by "getting senators stipends that they can put toward tuition." He concluded the interview by saying that he hopes SGU will update its constitution and organize more leadership conferences.

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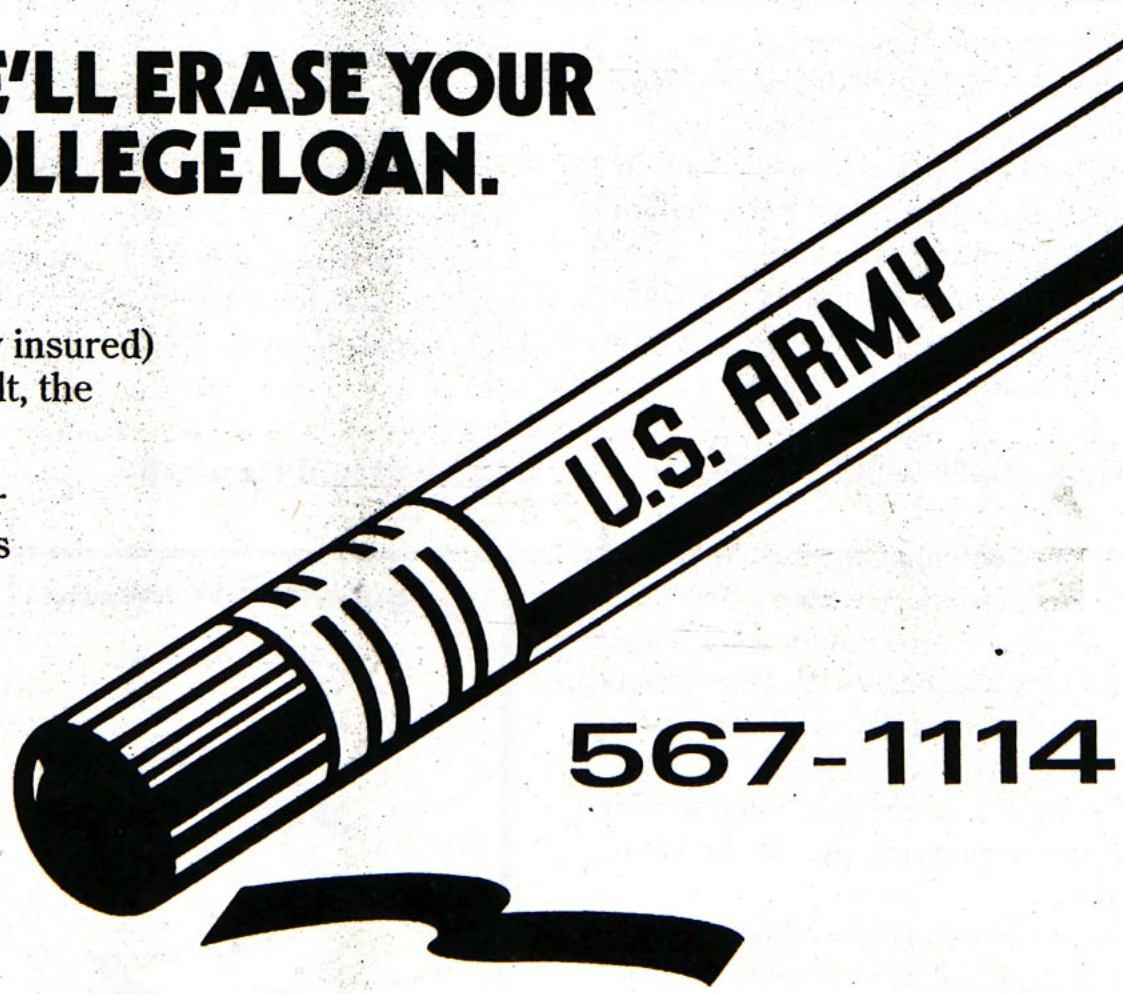

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A Year in Saint Leo Sports 4

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Soccer

For the fifth year in a row, the Monarchs finished with a winning record. At 13-5, they just missed reaching the playoffs, and they enjoyed national ranking for the entire season. Along the way, the Monarchs defeated 5 other ranked teams and reached as high as 10th in the polls.

Junior Jon Akin had another outstanding year as he was named an All-American Athlete and Sunshine State Conference Male Athlete-of-the-Year . He led the team in scoring for the third straight year with 26 points, good enough for sixth in the SSC.

Steve Boyle completed his senior year with seven shutouts and a Goals Against average of .94. He leaves Saint Leo as the all time leader in both categories.

Volleyball

The Women's Volleyball team finished 1997 with its best record in a decade. Finishing with a 17-18 record (4-8 in SSC), they placed fifth in the SSC. Led by freshman Amy Hutson, sophomore Stephanie Compton and junior April Phelan, the Monarchs finished second in the conference in serving.

Hutson was named to the SSC All-Freshman Team and set school records in aces, total digs in a season, and highest average digs per game. Phelan added to her school records in all blocking categories and finished third in the SSC with an average of 1.05 blocks per game. With 11 players returning next year, the yolleyball team looks to build on its success this year.

Men's Basketball

Continuing the trend established in the fall sports, the Men's Basketball team set a new record for wins in a season. They made it to the second round of the SSC playoffs and finished with a 19-9 (7-5) overall record. Seniors Shawn Wilson and Joe Philon were an almost unstoppable duo for the Monarchs.

Wilson finished first in the SSC in scoring and was named to the All-Tournament Team in the SSC. He also grabbed Player-of-the-Week honors three times and Player-of-the-Month twice. Philon broke the school record for blocks in a year by stuffing opponents 81 times. In only two years with the team, Philon owns the school record for blocks with 123.

Women's Basketball

One of the biggest surprises for Saint Leo this year, the Women's Basketball team finished with its first winning season ever and established a new record for wins and conference wins. Playing with only 7 players, the Monarchs surprised everyone by making it into the semi-finals of the SSC tournament.

Led by senior, All-SSC, Chanita Olds, the women also set statistical highs in five different categories (points in a season, field goals, field goal percentage, rebounds, and blocked shots). Olds, in her final season with the Monarchs, averaged 15.2 points per game and 7.8 rebounds per game. Junior Kelly Kohn broke school records in two assist categories and added 10.9 points per game.

Men's and Women's Tennis

At press time, the Men's Tennis program had a record of 9-11 (4-3). Led by freshmen Andre Buzzoni and Felipe Esteves and senior Mark Falor, the Monarchs had just snapped an eight match losing streak with a win over Eckerd College. Esteves, in the number 2 position, leads the team with a record of 14-6.

The women had a chance to even their overall record with one match remaining as of press time. They had defeated the University of Tampa and lost to Eckerd to bring their record to 8-9 (2-5). Their future looks bright, as freshman Kathleen Houtsma is 13-3, and her twin sister Megan is 6-10. Playing in her final year for the Monarchs, senior Jill Dascoli is 8-8.

Softball and Baseball

As of April 7, the Women's Softball team stood in fifth place in the SSC with a record of 23-28 (6-7). Led on the mound and at the plate by freshman Desiree Croteau, the Monarchs are looking for a late season run to make it to the playoffs.

Down at Thomas B. Southard Stadium, the baseball team is steadily assaulting the record books. The number 23 ranked Division II team in the nation, with a record of 28-13 (4-5), has already set a school record for home runs in a season with 60. They are also batting at a .344 clip, one point below the school record. Both stats are good enough to lead the SSC. Junior Jason Linkes is leading the way with 13 home runs and a .427 batting average. Let's hope that the pitching can hold up long enough for the Monarchs to make a late season dash for the playoffs.

The Monarch Staff would like to wish Justine Godfrey good luck and thank him for his continued support as resident Photographer and Assistant Sports Editor.

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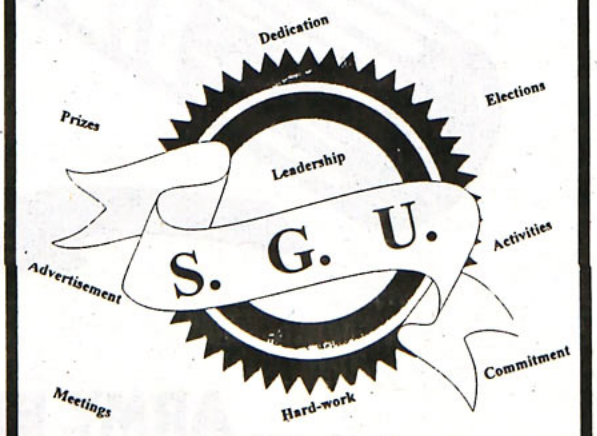

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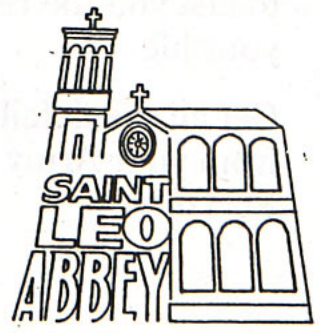
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